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**Donate Today to Save the Check-in Center**

*Facility Means Cleaner Streets and Safer Belongings for the Homeless*

SAN DIEGO, CA (March 5, 2012) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria and Rick Gentry, President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), today began welcoming public donations to keep the Water Man Check-in Center open to house secure bins that homeless individuals use to keep their property.

Donations may be sent to the San Diego Housing Commission with a notation that it is for the Check-in Center.

Donations may be sent to:  
The San Diego Housing Commission – Check-in Center  
Attn: Finance Department  
1122 Broadway, Ste. 300, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

“The Check-in Center keeps the possessions of our homeless neighbors safe, while helping keep San Diego’s streets clean,” said Councilmember Gloria. “San Diegans have benefited from this service for over a year, and your contributions are necessary to ensure its future. I am grateful to Rick Gentry and his team at the Housing Commission for helping us keep the Check-in Center running smoothly.”

SDHC administers and manages the Water Man Check-in Center, per an agreement with the City of San Diego. Since its opening early in 2011 at 917 Ninth Avenue, the Check-in Center has been credited for improved conditions on San Diego’s streets and applauded by homeless people and advocates for helping solve this longstanding challenge. The idea for the facility was developed by the Water Man, David Ross, who is a well known local homeless advocate who got his moniker for distributing water to homeless people on the street.

In an effort coordinated by Councilmember Gloria in January, City Councilmembers allocated \$45,000 of Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) funds to keep the Water Man Check-in Center open through the end of June.

“I am proud of my colleagues on the City Council for stepping in to help save this critical service,” said Councilmember Gloria, who allocated \$10,000 from CPPS to the cause. “I now ask San Diegans to donate generously as well.”

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